

Sirs, It is with grave concern that we write to you regarding the proposed winding back of Australian protection for large areas of our oceans. Our oceans are our life blood –not something to pillage to our hearts content for commercial gain or export dollars. If the Turnbull Government is stupid enough to allow extensive fishing in our waters it may well see the collapse of fish stocks as has happened to the herring fisheries in the United Kingdom. We urge you in the strongest possible terms NOT to proceed with these proposed changes. No Government has ever taken this many hectares out of Conservation. Don't let Australia be the first.

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